

AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 27, 2002

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AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 20, 2002

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 15, 2002

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 1, 2002

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2923

Introduced by Assembly Member Pescetti

February 25, 2002

An act to add Part 4 (commencing with Section 1500) to Division 1 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to California Agriculture Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2923, as amended, Pescetti. California Agriculture Day.

Existing law does not designate a particular day as California Agriculture Day.

This bill would designate the first day of spring in each year as California Agriculture Day.

This bill would also ~~permit~~ *encourage* a public school, on either the first day of spring or ~~the~~ *another* day determined by the school, to provide education that instructs students on the history and importance of agriculture in California.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) Agriculture has played a significant role in the history of California and continues to greatly influence the future of California.

(b) California agriculture supports 1.1 million jobs, nearly 8 percent of all jobs in the state.

(c) California is by far the largest agricultural state in both production and export.

(d) California agriculture is a \$27.2 billion industry that produces more than 350 crop and livestock commodities. This abundance generates more than \$100 billion in related economic activity for the state; and has a tremendous positive effect on individual households.

(e) California provides more than half of the nation's fruits, nuts, and vegetables.

SEC. 2. Part 4 (commencing with Section 1500) is added to Division 1 of the Food and Agricultural Code, to read:

PART 4. CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURE DAY

1500. The first day of spring in each year is hereby designated as California Agriculture Day.

1501. Notwithstanding the Education Code, including, but not limited to, provisions relating to curriculum requirements, on the first day of spring or on ~~the~~ *another* day determined by public schools throughout the state, these schools ~~may~~ *are encouraged to* provide education that instructs students on the history and importance of agriculture in California. This instruction may include education on agricultural history, nutrition, economics, *or the planting of a school garden, or; or the use of any educational device that commemorates agriculture's importance in California.*